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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was set to March 17, 2002. In response to the outstanding Office Action, please enter the following amendments:

✓ IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 - 4 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A cat toy comprising:
a flexible elongated tube capable of being contorted into a multitude of curved positions, having a first end, a second end, and a middle portion, the elongated tube made